



Madison County Covered Bridge Festival
2025 Non-Profit Food Vendor Contract
October 11 & 12, 2025
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www.MadisonCounty.com
515-462-1185 Fax: 515-462-1393

Office Use Only

Date Received _____
 Check # _____
 Juried _____
 Booth Location _____
 Accepted _____
 Declined _____

Festival hours are 9:00 am to 7:00 pm on Saturday, and 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Sunday

This agreement is made and entered into by, and between, the Madison County Chamber of Commerce and:

Firm/Organization	Authorized Agent/ Booth Holder		
Daytime Phone	Email Address		
Address	City	State	Zip Code

Type of Booth you are Bringing:

(Please list your actual booth size to help with placement)

_____ Pop-up Tent
 _____ TOTAL WIDTH IN FEET

_____ Building/ Structure /Truck
 _____ TOTAL WIDTH IN FEET

Total width of trailer including hitch:

The Covered Bridge Festival Committee appreciates vendor booths decorated in the spirit of the fall season!

Note: Vendors will be given a maximum of 15 feet in depth from the curb. With the option to purchase additional space if needed.

Cost of Food Vendor Booths

Same for Pop-up Tent, Trailers & Buildings

_____ \$200 (for 25 feet)

Grease disposal fee is included

_____ \$100 (for per extra 10 feet)

Grease disposal fee is included

_____ \$50 late fee (if submitted after 5/1/25)

Electricity Needs

_____ \$150 for 110 Electricity

_____ \$300 for 220 Electricity

_____ Amperage I use

_____ I need water hook up

_____ **Total Cost**

No generators will be allowed. Application must be filled out completely to be considered (including water and amperage needs)

Please fill out a separate contract for each booth. We will notify you of the committee's decision no later than July 15, 2025.

Each Vendor shall comply with the following rules and regulations in addition to complying with any and all statutes and ordinances of the State of Iowa, County of Madison and City of Winterset pertinent to the Vendor's participation in the Festival, including, but not limited to, statutes and ordinances affecting gambling, health and sanitation, building, electrical construction, maintenance, and fire safety. Each vendor is responsible for all their own permits and exemptions including sales tax forms. Sales tax in Madison County is 7%. Please attach either a photocopy of your Iowa Sales Tax Permit or list your Iowa Sales Tax Permit Number# on page 2. A list of participating vendors is provided to the Iowa Department of Revenue. The Chamber and the Vendor Committee shall have the right to interpret the following rules and regulations, to amend or add such rules and regulations as it might deem appropriate and to enforce compliance with such rules and regulations. The Vendor Committee reserves the right to refuse rent of space to anyone and to regulate the types of items offered for sale. Any violation of these rules and regulations or of referenced statutes and ordinances shall result in immediate forfeiture of all rights and participation in the Festival, including any moneys deposited to secure participation in the Festival.

Vendor agrees that it will protect, defend, hold harmless and indemnify the Madison County Chamber of Commerce, Covered Bridge Festival Vendor Committee, City of Winterset, Madison County Supervisors, their directors, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from and against any and all expenses, claims, actions, liabilities, attorney fees, damages and losses of any kind whatsoever, actual or alleged, resulting from or concerned with the participation as a Vendor in the Festival. The Chamber, Vendor Committee, City of Winterset and Madison County Supervisors shall not be liable for any loss or damage to any merchandise or personal property in or about Vendor's booth(s) regardless of the cause of such loss or damage.

- Food Vendors **must** submit proof of insurance with \$1 million liability coverage with their application.
- New vendors **must** submit pictures of their booth and product with the application, which will be used in the jury process. Only approved products will be displayed at the festival.
- **Once a space is sold, it must be occupied by the approved items and operated by the approved Vendor. Sub-leasing of all or any assigned booth space is strictly prohibited. Vendor cannot allow another party to exhibit, promote in any manner, or take orders in their booth.**
- Specific guidelines for booth set up and removal will be sent to Vendors approx. one week prior to the Festival.
- **NEW: If you are unable to set-up by one hour after your scheduled setup time on Friday, please notify the Chamber Office. If not, your space may be forfeited or relocated, and your entry fee will not be refunded.**
- Vendors may bring vehicles onto the grounds to re-stock booths between 6:00 and 8:00 a.m. on Sunday. Vehicles on the grounds after 8:00 a.m. **will be towed**. Please note that while the gates do not officially open until 9:00 a.m. each day, people will have access to the square and the booths as early as 7:00 a.m.

Be Prepared for inclement weather: There are no provisions for rain, wind, snow, etc. No Refunds. In the event of severe weather and the festival is cancelled both days, the Covered Bridge Festival Committee will discuss to come up with a solution. You are responsible for securing your own booth(s) and/or product.

- Must have Iowa sales tax permit, collect and pay 7% sales tax. Temporary permits are no longer issued by the state, you must register at <https://tax.iowa.gov>. A list of participating vendors is provided to the Iowa Department of Revenue.
- **Booths must remain open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Saturday and 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Sunday. NO EXCEPTIONS. Vendors must be open and staffed the entire time both days.**
- Tear down **will begin after 3:00 p.m. on Sunday** and must be completed by 9:00 p.m. Please be aware that streets may be open to the through traffic by 6:00 p.m. on Sunday night. **No early teardown allowed. VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON SITE UNTIL 4:00 pm.**
- The Vendor Committee reserves the right to remove a booth from the Festival if the booth is constructed in an unsafe manner. Vendors will confine their operations to the booth and **shall not** solicit business outside the booth.
- All food handlers must wear food grade gloves while handling food.
- Vendor's booths and the area around them must be kept clean of all refuse, rubbish, and garbage, which will be deposited in the containers provided. **Any grease or charcoal must be deposited in the special Grease Dumpster. Each food Vendor is responsible for the appropriate disposal of grease. Failure to dispose of grease, charcoal, or trash property will jeopardize Vendor's participation in future Festivals. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN WASTE.**
- The Vendor Committee will provide each Vendor with one (1) vehicle pass/ID number that corresponds with their booth number. The pass allows entry of a vehicle through barricaded boundaries of the Festival before and after hours of operation only. **You must unload your vehicle as quickly as possible then move your vehicle outside of the Festival grounds immediately to allow others to set-up or teardown.**
- Please display the number of your vehicle on your dashboard throughout the event. **All vehicles must be parked outside the barricades.** The Vendor booth fee includes two (2) ID's per booth, which permits access to the Festival for both days. Additional passes are available by request.
- **Electric space heaters are NOT allowed** per the City of Winterset.
- Each booth **must have** a fire extinguisher.
- Only certified service animals will be permitted on Festival grounds (no companion or emotional support pets).
- No smoking/vaping within festival grounds.

I, the undersigned, dutifully swear that I have thoroughly read this contract. By signing this application, I acknowledge and accept all terms of this contract.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

By being a vendor, you agree to the Festival and Chamber can use Your likeness, business name, and image to promote the current And future festivals.

Please list any specific requests:

<p>_____ Check Enclosed</p> <p>Credit Card: ____ Visa ____ MC</p> <p>Credit Card Number: _____</p> <p>Expiration Date: _____</p> <p>3 Number Code from back of Card _____</p> <p>A credit card convenience fee of 4% will be applied to all transactions</p> <p>Checks postdated or returned unpaid by the bank are subject to a \$25.00 service fee</p>
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Check List: Items to be included with application:

- New Vendors:* Submit at least 1 photograph of your booth.
- A menu of the items you plan to sell** (listed below). **Only approved products may be sold at the festival.**
- A Copy of Certificate of Insurance with \$1 million liability
- A copy of your Iowa Sales Tax Certificate or indicate the Sales Tax Number# here: _____
- Vendor Contract signed and dated (This indicates full compliance to terms outlined above)
- Check or credit card information
- Please keep a photocopy of this contract for your records

Please do not leave anything on the streets or dump waste into the brick and mortar dumpsters, those are not for vendor trash. We have been doing walk throughs at the end of The Market and noting those who are leaving trash or dumping things onto the streets.

All documents due by May 1st, 2025 to:

Madison County Covered Bridge Festival
c/o Madison County Chamber of Commerce
73 Jefferson Street, Winterset, IA 50273